

SECRET

JOURNAL
OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL

Monday - 15 May 1972

E-X-T-R-A-C-T

25X1C

"3. (Confidential - JGO) Met with Mr. Drury Blair, Senate Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee staff, who told me that due to the primaries in the Chairman's home state he did not believe that any further meetings of the Subcommittee will be held until mid-June. H.R. 2076, a bill for the relief of [REDACTED] is on the agenda for the next Subcommittee meeting. [REDACTED] has been advised.

"4. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. William Hogan, House Armed Services Intelligence Subcommittee staff, and received from him copy #2 of 3 of the hearings of Tuesday, 9 May 1972, with the request that the transcript be declassified for public printing. I explained to Mr. Hogan some of the difficulties that would be involved in complying with the request and inquired whether this was a firm final determination. It was his suggestion that if the request creates substantial problems, that they be related to Mr. Slatinshek, Chief Counsel of the Committee, rather than back through him to expedite a final determination. I thanked Mr. Hogan and told him I would relay the request.

"7. (Unclassified - JMM) Charles Ablard, General Counsel USIA, called to say that he and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations Marshall Wright, would like us to join them in a meeting with Jim Jordan, Legislative Assistant to Senator Howard Baker, to discuss amendments to the Foreign Relations Authorization Act (S. 3256) tomorrow morning at 9:15. Later the Senator's office called to say they would have to cancel the meeting and reschedule it.

"11. (Confidential - JMM) Called Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, to say that I had just understood from [REDACTED] that the Nedzi Subcommittee planned to make public a sanitized version of the testimony of Mr. Houston and me on security and classification on 9 May. I said that any publication would be contrary to our understanding and would set

25X1A

SECRET

SECRET

an unfortunate precedent, since we had a well established policy in both the House and the Senate that we would not testify for publication regardless of the subject matter. Slatinshek explained that discussion of possible publication had overlooked these points and said that we "shouldn't worry," since he was sure he could take care of the situation. He said that, at the most, they would probably only note in the record that Mr. Houston and I had appeared but would publish nothing about the content of our testimony.

Tuesday - 16 May 1972

"1. (Unclassified - JMM) Called Representative Charles Rangel in response to his 3 May letter to the Director renewing his 27 April request, under the Freedom of Information Act, for several classified Agency publications on the drug problem. I pointed out that the Freedom of Information Act did not apply to the Agency, and that we could not establish a precedent of providing such publications to the Congress but were anxious to be helpful in any other way. I suggested an oral briefing in which we would cover the significant portions of the publications in question, after which we would be glad to provide Mr. Rangel with an unclassified roundup study now in preparation. Mr. Rangel said he appreciated our problem, but he had a problem explaining to his constituents why he couldn't get material that apparently was freely available to the press. He said he would look into our exemption from the Freedom of Information Act and indicated he would be back in touch with us. I said we were trying to be helpful in every way possible."

/s/

JOHN M. MAURY
Legislative Counsel

SECRET

SENDER WILL CHECK CLASSIFICATION TOP AND BOTTOM	
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL
SECRET	
OFFICIAL ROUTING SLIP	
TO	NAME AND ADDRESS
1	D/S 23 MAY 1972
2	DD/Sec 26 MAY 1972
3	DEPD 26 MAY 1972
4	DC/EPD
5	File (Neddy Committee)
6	
ACTION	DIRECT REPLY
APPROVAL	DISPATCH
COMMENT	FILE
CONCURRENCE	INFORMATION
PREPARE REPLY	RECOMMENDATION
RETURN	SIGNATURE
Remarks:	
<p>Jack. M. maybe embarrassed. We have no exemption under Freedom of Info. Act.</p>	
FOLD HERE TO RETURN TO SENDER	
FROM: NAME, ADDRESS AND PHONE NO.	DATE
Executive Officer	23 MAY 1972
UNCLASSIFIED	CONFIDENTIAL
SECRET	

